



## Message From The Director

Sometimes it's good to know just how we in Iowa are doing in these difficult budget times. I was recently provided with information on how Iowa ranks among the other states on a wide variety of factors. I found there are a lot of things we can be proud of, including:

- *Iowa ranks 1st in social health.* 2003 Fordham University Institute for Innovation in Social Policy. The Social Health of the States looked at a composite of sixteen different measures including child poverty, average weekly wages, health insurance coverage, alcohol-related traffic deaths, etc.
- *Iowa ranks 2nd in average SAT composite scores.* 2003 College Board rankings.
- *Iowa ranks 4th most livable state for second straight year.* 2004 Morgan Quitno Press, Most Livable State Award looked at 43 statistical indicators in the areas of affordable housing, safe streets, employment opportunities, education and state economy.
- *Iowa ranks 4th best liability system.* 2004 Liability System, U.S. Chamber of Commerce polled corporations on their views of tort and contract litigation, judges' impartiality and competence, juries' predictability and fairness, etc.
- *Iowa ranks 4th healthiest state.* Morgan Quitno Press looked at 21 health-related factors including infant mortality, per capita expenditures for health care, childhood immunization rates and percent of adults who smoke.
- *Iowa ranks 5th in high school graduation rate.* Morgan Quitno Press. Iowa's graduation rate in 2003 was 82.5%.

- *Iowa ranks 6th in quality of health care.* Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

These are just some of the rankings from the list, but when you compare the ranking in respect to the other 49 states, they make a strong point about where Iowa has chosen to invest its dollars. According to the Iowa Legislative Services Agency, in 2004, 5.8% of the state general fund was for corrections, which includes prisons and community-based corrections. Corrections spending is important to ensure the safety of Iowa's communities, but it must be cost-effective or else it will detract dollars away from other priorities such as education.

To make the best use of corrections dollars, it is important to have a well-developed continuum of corrections sanctions ranging from prisons to intermediate sanctions to community-based supervision, so that offenders are supervised and held accountable for their actions at the most cost-efficient level to ensure the public safety. An important component of achieving this goal is having a sentencing system that we're willing to pay for, as I told a group of citizens at an Imagine Iowa's Future event in May in Cedar Rapids. As we begin to form our budget for the next year, I would ask for your support in adequate funding for our core corrections functions: basic life care, risk identification, risk management and risk reduction.

I continue to be impressed with the quality of the work you are doing in these difficult times, and I appreciate your commitment to the safety and well being of the citizens of Iowa.

Gary D. Maynard, Director  
Iowa Department of Corrections



## Length of Service Awards

The following institutional employees were recently recognized for their years of service to the State of Iowa.

### Anamosa

Alfred Bierbrodt, Jr.	25
David Holub	25
Nancy Bickford	30
Richard June	30
Sidney Myers	30

### Fort Madison

Merva Carlson	35
Dellis Swartzendruber	35
Richard Snavely	35
Wilbur Collins	40
Jeffrey Birdsell	25
Lonny Cable	25
Evan Davenport, Jr.	25
John Goetz	25
Rodney Hoskins	25
Jackie Kepple	25

John Martin	25	Martin Hathaway	25
Ruth Stockbridge	25	Gordon Howe	25
Craig Tomfeld	25	John McKinley	25
Edward Kinkade	30	Robert Roeder	25
Russell Pit t	30	Kevin Shepherd	25
Neal Boeding	35	Terry King	30
John Emmett	35	Earnest Roberson	30
Carolyn White	40	David Scurr	30
Mary Nickell	45	Ann Sullivan	30
		Leslie Butterbaugh	35
<b>Oakdale</b>		Charles Lord	35
Charles Bachman	25		

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## Length of Service Awards

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### Mitchellville

Gloria Sapp 25

### Clarinda

Randall Bengard 25

Lyle Ellison 25

Michael Foehring 25

Merle Glidden 25

Teresa Kendall 25

David Morgan 25

Paul Shroeder 25

Debra Tornholm 25

Garrett Pirtle 30

### Mt. Pleasant

Kenton Cole 25

John Klopfenstein 25

Robert Martucci 25

Gary McMeins 25

Richard Nahorny 25

Frank Roffe 25

Mike York 25

Frank Cooney 30

Jeffrey Crane 30

Susan Fuller 30

Darrell Gray 30

Stephen Miller 30

### Newton

Robert Coady 25

Paul Hasbrouck 25

Alan McDonell 25

### Prison Industries

Donna Gerst 25

Michael Nye 25

Joan Decious 35



## Golden Dome Awards

The Governor's Golden Dome Employee Recognition Program was created to provide an employee reward and recognition system that encourages employee excellence and dedication. To be recognized as Employee of the Year, the employee must have made a special contribution to or for the organization. The Leader of the Year must have demonstrated achievement in a particular area such as effective management or staff development. The Lt. Governor's Employee Volunteer Award recognizes those who invest personal time in assisting a nonprofit or charitable organization. The Badge of Courage is awarded to those who have

risked personal health or well being or performed other acts of heroism to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Iowa, or has sustained serious injury or death in the line of duty.

This year's ceremony was held on June 17, 2004 in the Capitol Rotunda. The awards were presented by Iowa Governor Thomas Vilsack and Lt. Governor of Iowa Sally Pederson.

Following is a list of corrections employees who received awards.

### Employee of the Year

Michael Corcoran Clarinda

Bob Manka IPI - Ft. Madison

Carol Niewald Ft. Dodge

Dave Siler

Billie Wilson

Mitchellville

Clarinda

### Leader of the Year

Ken Burger

Ft. Madison

Richard Crissinger

Ft. Dodge

Val Evans

Newton

Randy Gibbs

Ft. Dodge

James McKinney

Rockwell City

Roberta Seil

Ft. Dodge

### Lt. Governor's Volunteer

Russell Denison

Newton

Frank Roffe

Mt. Pleasant

Patti Scarff

Mt. Pleasant

### Badge of Courage

Garry Seyb

Mt. Pleasant



## SVSS Training

### Staff Victimization & Support Services Coordinator/Alternate Training

By Beverly Huffman, IMCC Correctional Counselor

The Staff Victimization and Support Services program (SVSS) is developing across the State of Iowa with great enthusiasm. Thirty-one employees of the Iowa Department of Corrections participated in a training May 10-12, 2004, for Coordinators/Alternates. The program was held at the DOC Training Center in Des Moines, Iowa. In December 2003, Director Gary Maynard signed the new SVSS policy. This program incorporates three services that provide support to DOC employees and their families during and after a crisis. Emergency Staff Services

(ESS) attends to the needs of staff during emergency/critical incidences. The Staff Victimization Program (SVP) offers resource information to persons who are victims of crime. Peer Support Services (PSS) provides daily emotional and tangible support to staff.

Coordinators and Alternates who develop and manage the programs in their district or facility are comprised of volunteers with a high level of dedication to encourage their peers. Each site organizes a team of members who are also engaged in actively pursuing opportunities to be an encouragement

to peers on a voluntary basis. Ultimately, the entire district or facility becomes involved in making the Iowa Department of Corrections a positive influence in their daily lives. During the past five years, I have had the privilege of working for the Department. It has been impressive to note that in the middle of what can sometimes be a stressful working environment, people make the difference. It will be exciting to watch this program blossom into full display as staff members learn that little is much when it comes to encouraging the person working next to them.



## Anamosa State Penitentiary

### Dog Program Launched at Luster Heights Camp

The Good Citizen Prison Dog Program was implemented at the Luster Heights Camp with the assistance of Nancy Crist, President of the Animal Welfare Foundation of Iowa. The program will help give stray dogs a second chance for a safe and healthy life instead of being put on death row.



Luster Heights offenders participate in the Good Citizen Prison Dog Program.

On June 16, 2004, Warden John Ault and a group of Foundation volunteers transported five abandoned canines to the Camp. Once a week for six weeks, a professional dog trainer will come to the Camp to conduct a one-hour dog training class to help offenders teach the dogs basic obedience such as sitting, walking on a leash, house training, etc. The dogs will be kept at the Camp for the duration of the program and will have cages and food provided by the Foundation. At the end of the program, the dogs will be ready to be placed for home adoption. This program will give offenders a chance to give something back to the communities of Eastern Iowa.

### Fundraising Activities

Several fund raising activities were held this quarter. Twelve ASP/IPI staff participated in this year's Special Olympic Torch Run that raised \$1,552.50 in donations. Nine teams consisting of ASP, KCC, and IPI staff employees raised \$3,144.31 in cash donations and 207 food items for this year's State Employees Food Drive. Those donations will help benefit food banks in Jones and Allamakee counties.

Thirteen inmates and one staffer walked nine miles on a track inside the walls of the institution in the March of Dimes Walk America event and collected \$842.75 in pledges. We are hopeful that our generosity will make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

### Funding for RSAT-TC Approved

Congratulations to Treatment Services Director Dennis LaBarge and his staff for receiving funding for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment -Therapeutic Community (RSAT-TC). The Byrne grant, approved through the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, will allow the program to continue for another year. TC counselors involved are Ron Johnson, Matt Eivins, Larry Hingtgen, and Pat Romano-Shover.

### Employee Recognition

Congratulations to Dennis Steines, Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2004. Dennis has been a correctional officer for the past twenty-two years as is a strong asset to the Security Department and the institution as a whole.



## Clarinda Correctional Facility

Clarinda Correctional Facility celebrated Correctional Employee Week the week of May 3 - May 7. On May 3, all staff were visited by administrative staff. They were given a "goody bag," doughnuts, but most of all, a thank you for their hard work. May 4 our local AFSCME provided pizza for all staff. May 7 we enjoyed a staff picnic. The Executive Team, along with some AFSCME members planned, cooked and served to all staff. We were pleased that Jeanette Bucklew, Deputy Director could also attend this fun event, which we have made an annual event. Staff enjoyed 'dress-down' days as well.

We are pleased to announce two of our servicemen have returned from time in Afghanistan. Dave Bredensteiner, Teacher and Mel Shelnut, Correctional Officer returned to work after an 18-month deployment. We are happy to have them return in good health.

Two staff received Golden Dome Awards on June 17, both for "Employee of the Year." They are Billie Wilson, a Correctional Officer on the 10-6 shift, and Mike Corcoran, a Correctional Officer on the 2-10 shift. Both traveled to Des Moines for the ceremony.



Clarinda Correctional Facility celebrates Correctional Employee Week with a staff picnic plus several other events.

*Articles were not received from the following Departments of Correctional Services: 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th Judicial Districts. The Newton Correctional Facility also did not submit an article.*



## Fort Dodge Correctional Facility

The Fort Dodge Correctional Facility has recently completed another successful community service undertaken for the 2004 Artful Dodger Project entitled "Chair-ished Art". This is the third year that this facility has participated. Young At Art, a local nonprofit organization, provides funding for this project in an effort to get the entire community involved in art. FDCF staff work together with the inmates to promote the concept of community service. Staff members play a vital role in making these projects work within the confines of the prison. Activities staff meet with the inmates to discuss project expectations, schedules, duties, and to answer questions. Inmates may spend as little or as much time as they want on a project.

The "Chair-ished Art" project began with a diverse group of inmates spending several months building and artistically transforming five discarded chairs into functional pieces of art. The

chairs were displayed at the State Capitol, featured in a television news story, and eventually sold at auction in conjunction with the Webster County/ Fort Dodge Art Expo. The proceeds from the auction were split between Young At Art and the Iowa Central Community College art department. One of the chairs entitled "Checkered Past" won best of show and a "Peoples Choice Award" trophy was presented to the prison by State Representative Helen Miller, executive director of Young At Art. FDCF Activities staff participated in the art expo by being part of a panel that discussed how art can be a useful tool in crime prevention by providing a

means for at-risk populations to express themselves. While community awards and recognition are wonderful, it is truly amazing to see a group of men begin to believe in their own abilities, develop respect for one another's ideas, and come together as a team to give something back to society and to help others. The community likewise begins to see these men as potentially caring, contributing members of society — a win-win situation for everyone involved.



Three of the five discarded chairs transformed into "Chair-ished Art" by Fort Dodge offenders.



## Iowa Correctional Institution for Women

### Partnership with Charter Agency - Alcoholic Beverage Division

Starting in late May 2004 ICIW sent offenders to work at the Liquor Warehouse in Ankeny Iowa. This non-traditional job opportunity was made possible by the new Charter Agency endeavor. Women offenders are trained on pallet jack and scanner.

As with any new undertaking there were some initial issues. These issues have been resolved, and the crew's numbers have increased. They work 10 hour days, 4 days a week. ABD reimburses us for the cost of the officers supervising this crew. Offering a non-traditional job trade to females is beneficial and progressive in nature.

### Drama Production of "Deck Chairs and Uncle Jacob"

Volunteer Marti Sivi, sponsored by the Chrysalis Foundation, directed the production of Deck Chairs and Uncle Jacob. In special attendance was the

Governor Tom Vilsack and First Lady Christy Vilsack. Governor Vilsack arrived by helicopter from Northern Iowa where he was surveying the flood and tornado damage that occurred earlier in the week. Director Gary Maynard, Mrs. Maynard and Deputy Director of Western Operations Jeanette Bucklew also attended the performance.

First Lady Christy Vilsack published an article about the drama production on the website [Offenburger.com](http://Offenburger.com). Drama programs offer a unique avenue for female offenders to address issues and work on empowerment issues. If a woman is not comfortable on stage they can be assigned other tasks such as stage manager, light technician, or prop production.

### Volunteer and Family Tour Night

ICIW hosted a Volunteer and Family Tour night in May 2004. Over 85 staff member families and volunteers were welcomed, served refreshments and

given a full guided tour of the facility.

### Grand Opening Held For New Visiting Room & Hospice Program

ICIW hosted a grand opening of our new visiting room and Hospice Program in May as well. The Hospice Program is running with trained volunteer inmates supervised by ICIW staff and Hospice of Iowa volunteers. The room is used for inmates who are terminally ill as well as those who are seriously ill or recovering from surgery but do not require hospitalization.





## Iowa Medical & Classification Center

### Employee Recognition Activities

In May, activities were held for Correctional Worker's Week. The week's activities included a staff picnic on the grounds, door prize drawings, free popcorn and pop, and a reception with employees receiving special recognition and certificates or plaques for years of service to the State of Iowa. Supporters for the events were the IMCC Unity Committee and ARA services.

In addition, in June, the State Employee Recognition Ceremony was held in Iowa City for all State employees in the area serving 25 or more years of service to the State of Iowa. The IMCC Dietary Department provided and served the refreshments for the ceremony and the IMCC greenhouse provided the plants and flowers for the recognition stage. In addition, IMCC correctional officers served as ushers for the event. IMCC had 12 staff receive

awards at the annual event.

### Change of Leadership Ceremony

In June, Warden Rusty Rogerson transferred to the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility. Deputy Director Lowell Brandt of Offender Services was named as the Warden of the Iowa Medical Classification Center. The first "Change of Leadership" ceremony in the history of IMCC was held on June 24th in the facility's staff memorial garden. The IMCC CERT Color Guard presented the flags and led guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Over 125 guests including



IMCC CERT Color Guard

family, staff, and other agency representatives attended the ceremony.

Chaplain Calvin Yoder provided the



"Change of Leadership" Ceremony (from left to right): Warden Rogerson, Deputy Director and Warden Brandt.

Invocation and the Benediction. Deputy Director Larry Brimeyer presented annotations to guests and performed the official change of leadership rite by introducing a plaque that was entrusted from Warden Rogerson to Warden Brandt. IMCC volunteers from the Kalona Sunnyside Church Women's Choir led guests in singing the *Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*. It was a wonderful day and a great experience for the IMCC staff.



## Iowa State Penitentiary

On Monday, May 17th, during the Special Olympics Torch Run a tragic accident resulted in the loss of an Iowa State Penitentiary employee who had served as a CERT member for the past 7 years. Scott Bryant had worked at the penitentiary since 1988 and was a dedicated individual who was respected and well thought of by his co-workers.

At the time of the accident, Scott was doing something he truly enjoyed by participating in an event to benefit fellow human beings who are less fortunate than us. A moment before the accident, Scott performed one last heroic deed by pushing one of his fellow CERT members, who was running with him, out of the path of the automobile that took his life. May he be remembered in our thoughts and prayers as we continue to do the work he enjoyed.

### Special Olympics Torch Run

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run converged upon Hilton

Coliseum in Ames the evening of May 20. Representatives of ISP, accompanied by runners from across the state, were invited to carry the torch that was handed off to a Special Olympian during opening exercises. A memorial service for Scott Bryant was held during the ceremony. On display was a floral replica of a badge with a black sash across it. After the ceremony, the floral arrangement and a handmade card were presented to ISP attendees, who included Bill & Laurie Sperflage, Jay Nelson, Brad Hier, Angela Matthews, and Karen Woodley. These items were then presented to Scott's family the following day.

Employees participating as runners for the torch were to be: Jeff Heston, Scott Bryant, Nick Clark, Tony Mendez, Bill Sperflage, Randy Stroud, Maggie & Barry Davis, Dave Babcock, Bob Ensminger, Angela Matthews, and Brad Hier. Transportation was to be furnished by Laurie Sperflage, Jay Nelson, and Karen Woodley.

### Promoting a Positive Prison Culture

The Iowa State Penitentiary was selected by the National Institute of Corrections to offer a training program to staff in "Promoting a Positive Prison Culture". The purpose of the three-day training course, held June 2 - 4, 2004, is to introduce staff to organizational culture and to examine the environment of the Iowa State Penitentiary, as it is now and as we might want it in the future. One of the requirements for the NIC to provide the training was that staff must be a diversified cross section of the institution from all departments' security and non-security, shifts, ranks, genders and races. The training was highly interactive, challenging and required a significant level of interest, involvement and active participation. Twenty-nine staff completed the training and were awarded certificates of completion. The trained staff have met since the training was completed to continue the work that was begun at the institutional level.



## Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility

June 24, 2004 was an historical day at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility as a “Change in Leadership” ceremony took place. Russell E. Rogerson became the twentieth Superintendent since 1861, when the Mental Health Institute was first opened. Previous Superintendent Ken Burger handed the leadership to Rusty in front of a crowd of dignitaries, family, friends and co-workers. MPCF CERT Honor Guard (Paul Corbin, Todd Cross, Mat Manning and Randy Kirchner) opened the ceremonies and an invocation by Mr. George Rogerson, Rusty’s father and a lay minister, followed. The invocation by Rusty’s dad was a total surprise to him and we were pleasantly surprised that the Rogersons can keep a secret! Larry Brimeyer was emcee and introduced speakers: Director Gary Maynard; Sally Titus-Cunningham, Deputy Director of Field Operations in the Department of Human Services; Ken

Burger and Rusty Rogerson. A special presentation photo was given to Rusty by Deputy Superintendent Charlie Higgins, who also served as interim Superintendent. Chaplain Lee Harder finished the ceremony with a benediction. A grand offering of refreshments made by our Dietary department was appreciated while guests mingled throughout the crowd. Special guests besides Rusty’s wife, Cindy, and his immediate family included Senator



Superintendent Rogerson

Gene Fraise, Mayor John Freeland, Lt. Curt Henderson, Mt. Pleasant News Editor Emory Styron and former Superintendent and Director of Corrections Hal Farrier. It was great to have the other Wardens and institutions’ staff participate in this event, as well.

A new Community Service Program began in June where a crew of offenders are bussed to Appanoose County to clean up the Pioneer Cemeteries in the area. Thirty-three Pioneer cemeteries are getting a long overdue face lift by MPCF and ICIW offenders in separate work crews. We anticipate this project to run for the next couple of months.

We are partnering with Mental Health Institute’s Iowa Residential Treatment Center in providing Project Reality sessions for many of their clients who are dangerously close to becoming incarcerated. It is hoped this partnership will help these clients to make better life choices once leaving the MHI.



## North Central Correctional Facility

On May 21st, two small Iowa towns, Bradgate and Rolfe, were devastated by a tornado. Within hours, a telephone call was made to the North Central Correctional Facility seeking our assistance. The final details were completed that night, and the next morning a crew of forty offenders and four staff loaded up a bus and some vans and took the one-hour trip to Bradgate.

The noise in the bus and vans ceased as we entered the town. Huge trees were snapped in half, some actually uprooted. Easily hundreds of trees were lying all over the city. We saw houses that were half torn apart, roofs ripped off, and a few houses that were completely off their foundations ready to fall into the basements.

Armed with chain saws, leather gloves, and an attitude of service, we began to work in the yards of families who stood in amazement. Our offenders worked alongside children, women, and other men in cleaning up debris, buildings, and trees. Other staff mem-

bers called in and asked if they could assist, volunteering their service without being compensated with pay. Within a couple of hours, we had ten more offenders, two more staff, and a grill set up to help cook the afternoon meal.

Bradgate is only about ten square blocks and we had men in orange shirts spread throughout the city. Families would ask for help carrying their possessions out of houses that were falling down and the men would lend a helpful hand. We ended up with about five dump trucks assigned just to our crew as we loaded metal, tree branches, and debris. Time and time again we were approached by people who lived in Bradgate, volunteers from around the area, and the local authorities complimenting the offenders for their work ethic and more importantly, their behavior and attitude.

At the end of the day, we were requested to assist the next day. We agreed to return and visited with the offenders who worked hard that day to

see if anyone wanted to come back. We were overwhelmed by the affirmative response. Every offender who had worked that day demanded the opportunity to come back and assist the following day.

The next day a crew of ninety offenders loaded up every vehicle available and headed back to Bradgate. It was fifty degrees and raining, yet every offender and staff member there worked hard to assist the families. By noon, much of the work was completed and we were asked to travel to Rolfe, eight miles away, to work at the cemetery that was destroyed by the tornado. The entire place was soon overrun with men in orange shirts all picking up branches, tombstones that had been knocked over, and using chain saws to cut down the remaining stumps. Again, hundreds of trees were destroyed, yet within a few hours the cemetery was beginning to look normal.

At the end of the day, citizens and  
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## 1st Judicial District

The First District is pleased to report that the 2004 ICA Multi-Cultural Issues Worker Award was given to Dubuque Probation/Parole Officer Claudette Carter-Thomas at the Spring Conference in Cedar Rapids.

Claudette is a Board of Directors member of the Presentation Lantern Center, a program developed to meet women's needs.

She is also a key player in the implementation of a program entitled "Back on Track" to address the needs of African-American teenagers and young adults in collaboration with Juvenile Court Services and community members.



Claudette Carter-Thomas, winner of the 2004 Multi-Cultural Issues Worker Award.



Black Hawk County Central Point of Coordination office with District Board Member Leon Mosley.

The ICA Outstanding Public Official or Employee Award was given to the Black Hawk County Central

Point of Coordination office led by Steve Tisue and his staff: Kathy Munson, Todd Rickert, Karen Dowell, and Jean Graham. This office provides support and services for mentally ill offenders supervised in the Waterloo area. They have provided funding for offenders who are placed in the Dual Diagnosis Program for men and women at the Waterloo Residential Correctional Facility.

The Strategic Planning Committee consisting of Probation/Parole Officers, Residential Officers, Support Staff and Special Programs staff as well as management representatives met in June. The focus was workload. The group reported concerns as well as solutions to alleviate the stresses caused by the reduction in staff and surge of new offenders.

A videotape for Public Access TV was made and will be broadcast in the Waterloo area during Probation/Parole and Community Supervision Week, July 18-24, 2004. Dan Craig, Michelle Shepherd, Karen Herkelman and Cheryl Meyer provided vital information about 1st District programs, assisted by Mike Shreck, Pam Todd, Missy Schneider and Jane Jansen.



First Judicial District's Strategic Planning Committee.

Congratulations to our District Director! The National Association of Probation Executives elected Dan Craig to their Board of Directors.

The District has embarked on a project to revamp the Policies and Procedures Manual to a user-friendly version. The committee headed by Karen Herkelman will use the latest technology to accomplish their goals.

Our Oelwein Probation/Parole Office has moved! Merry French, Probation/Parole Supervisor for the NE Division, received assistance from her staff, including Dean Milius's carpentry skills, to relocate to 1584 South Frederick.

Plans are underway for the Annual Picnic on August 13 at Eagle Point Park in Dubuque to include activities, food and employee recognition. This event, organized by a committee lead by Cindy Studnicka, will include a special presentation to 30-year employee, Tom Bonefas.



## 2nd Judicial District

### Marshalltown's Community Drug Court

By Joel McAnulty, Probation and Parole Officer 3, Drug Court Officer

After nearly a year of planning, which included input from the Courts, treatment providers, local attorneys, community leaders, and law enforcement, the Marshalltown Drug Court began operations in October 2000. The Drug Court utilizes a community panel model with additional input and support from the District Court for Marshall County. The Drug Court seeks to change offender behavior by combining supervision, accountability, treatment interventions, and community involvement. As such, the level of cooperation amongst corrections, treatment providers, and the community must operate at an optimal level.

There has been a long-standing history of support and teamwork between the Marshalltown Probation/Parole Office and the local provider, the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa (SATUCI). The development of the Drug Court program has only strengthened this relationship. SATUCI has ensured that evaluations are provided promptly, usually within a week, and that subsequent treatment services are readily available. SATUCI staff regularly communicate with the Drug Court officer and a great deal of effort is made to coordinate services based on individual need. The two agencies have also spent a good deal of

time cross-training on a variety of topics, such as Motivational Interviewing, research-based treatment, the Jessness Inventory, and the LSI. The end result is a consistent and aggressive focus on the needs of Drug Court participants.



The Marshalltown Probation/Parole Office and SATUCI work together to make Drug Court a success.

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## 5th Judicial District

The Fifth Judicial District's OWI Program is a sixty-seven bed phased Residential Treatment Program with a relapse track for repeaters or relapsers. Average stay is seven to eight months (longer for relapse track). All phases focus on cognitive-behavioral changes. Residents pass tests which address criminal thinking errors and addictive thinking errors to move to a higher phase. We provide evidence-based treatment of addiction and criminal thinking errors in a modified Therapeutic Community setting. Programming includes lectures, videos, discussion groups, therapy groups, role-playing and psychodrama, practice sessions, outside speakers, volunteers, recreational activities, weekly Goal Sheets and RET thinking reports. All clients attend a 6 or 13 week Victim Impact Program. Every client who has committed domestic assault is required to attend Batterer's Education Program while in treatment.

Each certified counselor's group elects a Captain who assists that group

of clients to find pro-social solutions to life problems. The group captains along with the community president and vice-president form the Client Council. The Client Council meets weekly with the Treatment Program Supervisor to promote the positive development of the Program's Community.

Clients earn advancement in the program and positive rewards based on points given for progress in behavioral changes as measured by Latessa's In Program Behavioral Assessment. Rewards available to residents for positive behavior include a night off treatment to spend with their family, and a traveling trophy for the group with no disciplines for one month. The Hard Working Men Award goes to the group with the most men working and provides several choices for a group activity including ordering in pizza (at their expense) and watching a movie, or going bowling as a group.

The Family Program is for the resident and his family and friends. Residents with weekly family involve-

ment receive extra visiting time and other rewards for encouraging their families/friends to be involved. Family members receive education on chemical dependency and meet with facility counselors in conjoint sessions.

Aftercare planning starts at the beginning of treatment with a thorough biopsychosocial history and assessment. The Aftercare program is a minimum of 6 months after completion of the treatment program. U/A's and B/T's are done randomly and often. The continuum of aftercare relapse groups encompass Aftercare Relapse group, Intensive Outpatient Track and Inpatient Relapse track (for clients with long standing addiction chronicity who need this support to regain and maintain abstinence.)

The Program has always exceeded the Department of Corrections' Budgeting for Results outcome measures and recently had its license from the Division of Substance Abuse renewed for the maximum allowable period of three years.



## North Central Correctional Facility

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offenders enjoyed a meal together at the firehouse. We were again complimented on the quality of work the offenders and staff performed, and also heard how the citizens appreciated that our offenders all showed reverence to the cemetery.

We continued to send work crews to

Bradgate and Rolfe for the next three to four weeks. While the work is now complete the impact is still felt by the offenders and staff. It blended victim impact, responsibility, work, and social skills all in one. Offenders tend to view the world from their own selfish desires. This gave them a chance to see others

hurting much worse than themselves. We received many letters of appreciation for the work we performed and these have been displayed for all the offenders to read. In many ways, we should thank the citizens of Bradgate and Rolfe for allowing us to help them.



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abuse treatment, Marshalltown is fortunate to have a dedicated and creative group of community volunteers that provide the "backbone" of the Drug Court program. Participants in Drug Court are required to appear regularly before panels of volunteers for "accountability reviews". There are

currently thirty-five volunteers comprising eight Drug Court panels. The volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, including local business owners, day care providers, social service employees, and factory workers. Each brings a unique and creative perspective to their efforts with Drug Court participants and focus on provid-

ing rewards and reinforcing positive behavior. The volunteers provide in excess of 1200 hours of volunteer service per year and were recognized by the Iowa Corrections Association as Citizen of the Year in 2002. The Drug Court volunteers certainly bring the "community" to community-based corrections.